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Dear Renata Hesse,

I feel that the proposed settlement with Microsoft does not prohibit Microsoft from continuing the anti-competitive practices that have been described in the finding of fact, and does not include sufficient remedies that are in consumer's best interest. Computers are a mainsay in the home, business, and research environments, and will only become more important in the future for increasing the quality of life in the United States. Allowing Microsoft to use its dominance in these markets to maintain its position and stifle or buy-out competition is harmful to consumers and the economy by setting up large barriers for innovative software products to enter the markets. A satisfactory settlement must address these issues and have measures to monitor and significantly penalize Microsoft in ways other than giving away software for continuing the illegal practices that have been determined in the finding of fact.

Respectfully,

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